

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS SCHEME

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of works sanctioned and completed under 'Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns' (IDSMT) Programme, State-wise, as on December 31, 2004.
- (b) the total amount sanctioned, released and spent under the scheme, State-wise, upto December 31, 2004.
- (c) the targets set and achievements made there against under the scheme so far during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (d) whether the Union Government has carried out any appraisal of the performance under the said scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) and (b) Since inception of the Scheme till 31.12.2004, projects (works) in 1752 towns have been sanctioned under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 817.24 crore were released for these projects against which an expenditure of Rs. 995.46 crore has been reported by the State Governments. State-wise details of number of projects (works) sanctioned, Central assistance released and expenditure reported are given in statement.

(c) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, new and ongoing projects in 925 towns were targeted for financing under IDSMT. An outlay of Rs. 1304.65 crore was allocated for IDSMT during Tenth Plan. However, Budget provisions amounting to Rs. 405 crore only were kept for IDSMT during the first three years of Tenth Plan (2002-03 to 2004-05) against which till 31st Dec, 2004, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 304.68 crore was released for implementation of new and ongoing projects in 735 towns.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The IDSMT scheme, among others, was appraised by the Planning Commission in the Midterm Appraisal of the 10th Five Year Plan. It was observed that during the first three years of the Tenth Plan period, only 30 per cent (assuming full utilization of 2004-05 allocation) of the 10th Plan allocation is expected to be utilized. In terms of physical achievements, 67% towns (621 towns) are expected to be assisted during the same period. This thinning of resources has led to lack of appreciable results on the ground.